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 Subject: Fw: Inquiry re dichloroethene (DCE), tetrachloroethene (PCE) and trichloroethene, (TCE) Birth Defect Question – Omega Chemical Superfund Site  
 Sent by: lynda deschambault

Hello Lori,

Last friday, Fred and I and our office of public affairs met (by phone) with reporter Mike Sprague from the Whittier News.

he called to ask about new data at the Rippy Buildings which are downgradient...across Putnam street....from TerraPave and bishop.

We talked with him about the existing indoor air data (which is only one sample from one event), what it meant and what we have done/are doing in response to it.

Basically we tried to impress upon him that certain actions at the building (like running the HVAC system 24/7 & assessing conduits) were already underway

and that once we had the results from this week's sampling, we would have a much better handle on what needs to happen next.

Results are due by friday aof this week.

Meanwhile those working in the building are not at risk and we will keep them informed as we learn more and do more about the situation.

Attached is a copy of the article that was published,, and you can also find it on line at [http://www.whittierdailynews.com/ci\\_15185511](http://www.whittierdailynews.com/ci_15185511)).

you will see at the bottom 7 comments posted about this article from members of the public.

In addition, Fred received one inquiry, which comes in response to the May 28th Whittier Daily News article

below is a copy of the article

I am working with OPOG and with Hill to gather additional background information.

I've contacted Stan our toxicologist.

I am meeting today with Fred to brief Kathleen.

Fred has notified Susan at ATSDR and I am notifying you.

We will keep you in the loop and cc you on communications.

Please call me at 415-947-4183 if you have any questions.

Lynda



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Message: Hello Mr. Schauffler, I hope I am contacting the right person. This article mentions your name. I am concerned after reading an article written by Whittier Daily news about the levels of dichloroethene (DCE), tetrachloroethene (PCE) and trichloroethene, (TCE) found at the Tri-Cities ROP site. I was employed by ROP at the time they first acquired the site and was stationed to work at the building while remodeling was taking place. This would have been at a time when the building was first being opened up after being vacant possibly for some time. I am concerned that the gas concentration would have been even higher at the time. I was pregnant and I don't think there was any air circulation as it was under construction. My son was born with hypospadias, and suffers from speech problems as well as other behavioral issues. Please contact me. Exemption 6: Privacy  
Here is a link to the article written by Whittier Daily News. Read more: Airborne cancer-causing chemicals found at Whittier Women's and Children's Crisis Shelter, Tri-Cities Regional Occupational Program - Whittier Daily News [http://www.whittierdailynews.com/ci\\_15185511#ixzz0pLXa9ym9](http://www.whittierdailynews.com/ci_15185511#ixzz0pLXa9ym9)  
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